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**FAREWELL TO SENHOR
ROODAS.**

(From Our Own Correspondent).

MACAO, September 20.
The Chinese community tendered a farewell reception this afternoon to H. E. Senhor Roodas at the King Ho Hospital. At 2 p.m. His Excellency, attended by his A. D. C. Lieutenant Dias, the Protector of the Chinese, Dr. Leites, and the Government Interpreter, Sr. F. X. A. da Silva, was welcomed at the gate by all the Directors of the Hospital in company with the leading merchants and gentry of the place. After H. E. Senhor Roodas had been assigned the seat of honour he addressed the assembly: I am here to bid farewell to the Chinese community of Macao. I carry away with me most grateful recollections of a people for whom I cherish a keen sense of a most commendable love of toil and a sacred respect for righteousness. The Chinese population of Macao has given me superabundant proofs that it is thoroughly representative of a nation which, viewed from a fair-minded and impartial standpoint, can vie in unchallenged repute with the highest range of Western civilization. Among this population many are subjects of Portugal but one and all have enjoyed unreservedly the protection of the Blue and White colours. Under its aegis they have been vouchsafed full liberty in respect to their own use and work. Under my rulership I have done my level best to secure them every facility in adapting the law to their peculiar conditions. I am grateful for the willingness with which they have responded to my good will, particularly as regards their message to the Home Government requesting my retention here. His Majesty the King very graciously deigned to acknowledge this token of esteem evinced by the Chinese community and expressed his fervent desire to see more closely knitted together the bonds of friendship which have ever joined the two nations.

Commandador Yong Lin, Chairman of the Hospital, replying on behalf of the Chinese community said:—The Chinese community were highly gratified at being able to welcome H. E. Lieutenant Colonel Jose Augusta Alves Roodas, one of the foremost figures in Portuguese history. In wishing His Excellency Godspeed they feel bound to testify their deep regret at his departure while acknowledging their full appreciation of his equitable rule and commercial foresight. It was a solace to know that their loss meant promotion for His Excellency. Rest assured, Excellency, that to deplore your departure as we would the loss of a mother. Our most heartfelt wishes follow you. May the stars be ever propitious to your Excellency and family and though we earnestly wish that you may attain the most exalted post within the reach of man we shall never despair of being able to welcome your Excellency back in Macao.

Both speeches were very ably rendered by the official interpreter, Sr. F. X. A. da Silva, and champagne and fireworks marked the close of the reunion.

His Excellency the Governor has put off his departure till Friday next.

M. de Villeneuve, a high official in Indo-China, has been despatched by the Governor-General of the Colony to Java on a special mission. He is charged to conclude with the Netherlands India Government a convention for the emigration of Javanese coolies to Indo-China, they being accompanied by their families. Every guarantee and security will be given for their protection. The Indo China Government will draw up a Netherlands India Labourers Ordinance which will be laid before the latter government for approval. It seems that there is a crying need for labour in the French Colony where large tracts of land lie uncultivated for lack of tillers of the soil.

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DAVID WOOD,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, September 6, 1909.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S
SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the above Society will be held in

the CITY HALL, on THURSDAY, the 23rd

instant, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of

receiving the Annual Report and Statement

of Accounts for the year ending 31st August;

of electing Officers for the ensuing

year, &c.

DAVID WOOD,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, September 6, 1909.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

of the Shareholders in the above

Company will be held at the Company's

Office, on SATURDAY, the 25th Septem-

ber, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving

the Report of the General Manager, to-

gether with a Statement of Accounts to the

30th June, 1909.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-

pany will be CLOSED on the 15th to

25th September, 1909, both days inclu-

sive.

DOUGLAS, LAURENCE & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, September 9, 1909.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of

MEMBERS of the above Club will be

held on SATURDAY, the 2nd October,

1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Office of

the Jockey Club on the Ground Floor of

the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,

Clk of the Club.

Hongkong, September 18, 1909.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL

MEETING of MEMBERS of the

above Club will be held on SATURDAY,

the 2nd October, 1909, at 12.15 p.m., at the

Office of the Jockey Club on the Ground

Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road, a notice regarding which is

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By Order,

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Hongkong, September 18, 1909.

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CHINESE CLAN FIGHTING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Some of the districts inland from Amoy seem to be filled with a very turbulent set of people, endowed with a double dose of original sin. For clan fighting is more or less chronic, rarely ceasing entirely, and every now and then breaking forth into fresh outbreaks, during which times a good many get killed on both sides. In the Hweian district things have got gradually worse for several years, until the attention of the Peking Viceroy has been specially called to the serious condition of the neighbourhood, and quite recently the chief Magistrate has been charged.

Owing to the troubles necessarily arising from this unsatisfactory state of affairs, occasionally the native Christians get involved, as is not unnatural. They are continually being asked to share in the fighting, or at least to subscribe towards funds for guns and ammunition. Refusing to have any part in such lawless warfare, they suffer ignominy and persecution. Towards the end of June a Chinese Christian young man was on his way to Church on a Sunday morning, when he was set upon by some armed men and urged to join them. On his refusing on the ground that he was a Christian and on his way to morning worship, he was shot down at close range, and one man with a spear thrust it into him from behind, so that the poor fellow died from his fatal wounds within an hour. The native Pastor and others were with him to the end, but the men who murdered him refused to give up the body, and threatened the Pastor and other Christians with further reprisals if they made any row about the case. But silence in such a brutal murder was impossible, and the Chinese authorities were appealed to, with the result that a deputy was sent with 200 soldiers to deal with the matter. Owing to the pervasiveness and pusillanimity of the district Magistrate, who appears to be a later of foreigners and native Christians, it has taken nearly three months to settle the case. Indeed, a final issue was only secured by removing the Magistrate from office, and giving his successor and the deputy full powers to act promptly. It has been found difficult to secure the actual murderers, who have fled, but promises have been extracted from the head men of the place to deliver them up to justice. Meanwhile a relative has been placed in prison as a surety, though he will not suffer much hardship. Other points in the settlement are the burning down of one of the houses of the men involved; a stone tablet is to be erected outside the Church with Chinese characters on it explaining the affair; the elders of the villages are to pledge themselves not to in any way interfere with the Christians, nor to compel them to join in their quarrels; the sum of \$2,500.00 is to be paid to the mother and wife of the murdered man as compensation. The wife is very reluctant to agree to these terms, especially as regards the money, since justice, she feels, cannot be attained without the adequate punishment of the murderers. Just justice is hard to get in China, and so they will have to be content with the settlement.

The newly appointed Mandarin is not very happily situated, since he has a dozen other murder cases to deal with, everyone of which will give him serious trouble and anxiety. He already threatens to resign within three or four months.

Shortly, the deputy and soldiers will have to march over to another side of the district, where continuous fighting between a dozen to twenty villages has been going on for months. One village has dared to build a large stone tower within 30 feet of a London Mission Church to the jeopardy of all who attend and of the school boys and their teacher. Indeed, while the fighting was hottest in July, the place had to be shot for some weeks. Orders have been issued to destroy this stone tower, which was only built in June, and it remains to be seen whether the lawless combatants will take it "lying down" or rebel.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held at the Office of the Club, on THURSDAY, 23rd instant, at 5.15 p.m.
Business—
To receive and discuss the Report of the Sub-Committee, appointed 22nd July, on the position of the Club.
To receive and pass the Year's Accounts.
To elect Officers for the ensuing year; and any other business.
The attendance of Members is specially requested.
HEDLEY G. WHITE,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.
HONGKONG, September 15, 1909.

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ENTRIES for the HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE SHIELD COMPETITION, 1909-10, should be sent to the Undersecretary on or before SATURDAY, September 25. Entrance fee \$10.

A Meeting of the League to arrange fixtures will be held in the H.K.C.C. Pavilion on MONDAY, the 27th September, 1909, at 5.15 p.m.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,

Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.

Hongkong, September 21, 1909.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of MEMBERS will be held in the Club Pavilion on TUESDAY, the 28th

September, 1909, at 5.15 p.m.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, September 21, 1909.

HONGKONG G. FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE 23rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on THURSDAY, September 30th, at the Office of

Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., at

5.30 p.m.

Business.—To receive the Report of the

Committee for the season 1908-1909.

Officers for the coming season and

transact general business.

HERBERT L. O. GARRETT,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, September 21, 1909.

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Hongkong, September 6, 1909.

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THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO CANTON.

H. E. the Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, left Hongkong at 11 p.m. on Monday night to pay an official visit to Canton. His Excellency was accompanied by Mr. Justice Compton, Mr. R. O. Hutchison and the household staff, and travelled in the Stanley, escorted by the Moorhead and H. M. torpedo boats 585 and 587.

The Stanley reached Canton shortly before 9 a.m. on the 21st, and was met by Commodore Lin Kok Cheong and Captain P. C. Ho, who conveyed H. E. the Governor's compliments, as well as by Mr. For, H. B. M.'s Consul General. His Excellency landed at 10.40 a.m. at Shamoon and was received by a Guard of Honour consisting of British Bluejackets and the Household Guard. No salute was fired owing to the Imperial mourning.

His Excellency and party then proceeded in chairs, with a Chinese Military escort, to call on H. E. the Tartar General. At 12 noon, His Excellency was received by H. E. the Viceroy and the leading officials of the province and, at 1 p.m., was entertained in the Yamen at a banquet. In the afternoon H. E. the Tartar General and H. E. the Viceroy, attended by their respective suites, called on H. E. the Governor on board the Stanley. In the evening His Excellency and party were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Fox, at the British Consulate-General, and at 11.30 p.m., the Stanley weighed anchor for Hongkong, where His Excellency arrived at 9.30 a.m. this morning.

THE OLIO SAFE.

Anchors to avoid two Typhoons.

There is now no doubt but that H.M.S. Olio, which is feared had foundered in a typhoon, is perfectly safe.

The s.s. Anhui, which anchored alongside the ship of Station Island, arrived in port this morning, and was later boarded by a representative of the China Mail, who had a brief interview with the chief officer. He stated that his boat had not in any way suffered, as she had lain at anchor for 48 hours. When she took up her position she observed the Olio also taking shelter. From information gained it appeared that the Olio was on her way to Hongkong, when she realised by the readings of the glass that there was a disturbance not far off. Accordingly on the Wednesday she put in for shelter off Station Island, north of Hailan Straits, and while there the centre of the depression must have passed within ten miles of her. There she had a narrow escape. As it was, she lost a good deal of light deck gear while riding at anchor. Having put in to avoid one disturbance, she was compelled to wait until the passing of another, which made itself felt pretty much on Saturday night.

Among the passengers was Mr. V. Butler Wright, of Canton, in charge of Detective Walsh.

When the Anhui left on Tuesday the Olio was still lying up, and it was understood that she would proceed to Amoy before coming on to Hongkong. The Anhui brought along a letter for the Commodore from the Commander of the Olio.

It is not expected that the Olio will arrive here until to-morrow at the very earliest.

PRISONER AND HIS FAVOURS.

At the Criminal Sessions, this afternoon, before the Chief Justice Sir Francis Pigott, Li Wing was placed in the dock on a charge of receiving stolen goods, several of the articles running into thousands.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, instructed by Mr. H. L. Denny, Jr., from the office of the Crown Solicitor.

Mr. Alabaster said that prisoner was charged with being in possession of eight cases of goods. These cases were stored in a godown in Sutherland Street at the back of the Ko Shing Theatre. Seven cases were secured in the godown on July 27, and the eighth was not put in the godown until July 1, so that they must have been stolen after that date. Prisoner on July 6 claimed the cases and, with a party of coolies he went to a lighterman and gave him a document addressed to a firm in Macao, at the same time instructing the lighterman to take the cases to Macao. This lighterman did and about mid-day the next day prisoner came with another party of coolies to claim the goods, he having gone to Macao by steamer. As the document which he tendered did not bear the "shop" of the firm to which they were addressed the lighterman refused to give up the goods and a quarrel ensued, the Portuguese police intervening. Subsequently prisoner was handed over to the police at Hongkong.

Evidence was then called.

Prisoner, giving evidence, said that on asking why he was arrested the policeman had told him to "shut up" and he would get to know all about it when he got to the Police Station. "How can people accuse a hard working man like me when I can not go out to commit an offence like that," asked prisoner adding that he could not go to Macao without permission. He could not ask anyone to write a letter for him as his younger brother as it would be too much of a favour.

"Was it more of a favour than to ask your master for the loan of \$3 to go to Macao," asked Mr. Alabaster. "No master was returned."

"If these were coolies then," said prisoner, "the policeman would have taken them to the Police Station to hear witness against me."

"Well, he is generally a good man; he never does anything bad," said a witness called by prisoner.

"He is a good man and never stole anything," said a younger brother of prisoner.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty and His Lordship sentenced prisoner to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

The attention of all Scotsmen in the Colony is drawn to the fact that the annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Society of Hongkong will be held to-morrow afternoon at the City Hall, commencing at 5.30 o'clock. In the absence of the retiring President, the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., at home on holiday, the chair will be taken by Mr. J. R. M. Smith, the Vice-President.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

At the conclusion of the annual meeting of the above club on Tuesday next an extraordinary general meeting of members will be held in the Club's Pavilion when certain resolutions will be proposed amending the Bye-Laws. Among these will be a proposal that Bye-Law 15 shall read:—"From 1st October, 1909, all joining members not being Officers of H. M. Navy or Army shall pay an entrance fee of \$30.00. All new Military members shall pay an entrance fee of \$10.00 and all new Naval members stationed in the Colony shall also pay an entrance fee of \$10.00." This resolution will not affect the status of a naval subscriber under Bye-Law 21.

YESTERDAY'S THUNDER-STORM.

Fatalities and Injuries.

The unusually fierce thunderstorm which passed over the Colony yesterday afternoon did considerable damage and resulted in at least two fatalities and a number of injuries.

At Yau-mai a coolie was engaged in shovelling coal on to a cargo boat when he was suddenly struck down by a vivid flash of lightning, and severely burned. He expired almost immediately. Another man who was working by his side was also felled to the ground and rendered unconscious. Later, however, he came round and in a short time was put little the worse for his experience.

At West Point a native was standing on the Prawn, when he was struck by lightning and immediately killed.

Just at the time when the storm was at its height one of the Peak trams was making its ascent, and the passengers were a little alarmed owing to the frequency of the lightning and the terrific noise of thunder. However, no damage was done, and the only person who experienced any inconvenience was the driver who slightly burnt his hand and arm by the result of the car being struck.

At Austin Terrace one of the men belonging to the Buffs regiment was drawing off some water when the lightning struck the water-pipe, ripped some tiles off the wall and also split the wall itself. The soldier was knocked down but beyond suffering a little from the shock he was not seriously injured.

Cragside on Barker Road, the residence of Mr. A. H. Skelton, but now occupied by Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, was struck by lightning during the storm yesterday afternoon.

A dismantled junk was to-day seen off Hungnam, Kowloon, but no news of a calamity has yet been reported.

SERIOUS AFFAIR AT LANTAO ISLAND.

Robbery with Violence.

Man Ng and Wong Loung were charged before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, at the Criminal Sessions to-day, with robbery with violence.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, instructed by Mr. H. L. Denny, Jr., from the office of the Crown Solicitor.

The following were sworn in as jury men:—L. V. Langston, J. O. Kinnear, E. H. Neave, J. R. Boyce, Foreman; E. A. Lang, G. Koling and C. H. W. Kow.

Mr. Alabaster said that a number of men went into the house of the two men who were assaulted, amongst them being the first prisoner. The second prisoner remained outside and prevented anyone entering to help the inmates who were being assaulted. A serious assault took place and two fishermen, who were sleeping outside heard cries of "Save life." The second prisoner prevented the fishermen from entering and threatened them, so they remained quiet. The robbers then decamped to Dumb-bell Island and were arrested the same morning.

Evidence was called.

The second defendant made a statement and said that he was sick on the day in question, and his master gave him \$10 to buy medicine. While on his way unfortunately a lagoon saw the money and arrested him. Later he said he was assaulted until he was black and blue all over.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty and His Lordship sentenced each prisoner to three years' imprisonment with hard labour.

NAVAL EXPENDITURE.

A return of naval expenditure of the principal Powers has been laid on the table of the House of Commons. The return shows that, while the total expenditure of Great Britain is greatly in excess of that of Germany and the United States, the amount to be spent this year on new construction in Great Britain is half a million below that of Germany, and only \$236,000 above that of the United States.

The figures are—

	Total estimate.	New construction.
Great Britain	35,500,000	10,251,000
Germany	19,500,000	10,781,000
United States	28,750,000	10,115,000

CORRESPONDENCE.

THOSE DUTIES.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir—Oh! I am so glad to learn Mr. Charles E. Garner, of Shanghai, the Expert in the Wine Trade of the Far East, is leaving to-day for the Northern Port, where I suppose the Wine Merchants have missed the benefit of his experience.

Daddy tells me that he is not aware that technical experience is required to handle the whisky for which this expert is the Eastern Representative, and for which he has almost succeeded in obtaining from the Government a preferential "duty" over whisky imported in bulk. I suppose if he had succeeded in getting what he wanted he would have passed such a good law, and retired to his home in the big firm who have a bottling line.

He has no axe to grind, he says, in this morning's issue of the Daily Press, but declares that his object has been to defend the interests of the small importer. I thought the Government here should look after the interests of all, big or small. How thankful the small importers must be to Mr. Charles E. Garner for having come down here all the way from Shanghai and stayed for days for this special purpose!—Yours faithfully, FANDY.

Hongkong, September 22.

A CHARGE OF THROWING VITROL.

Before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, at the Criminal Sessions to-day, Li Tuen was charged with throwing vitrol over a Chinese woman.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster appeared for the Crown, instructed by Mr. H. L. Denny, Jr., from the office of the Crown Solicitor.

Mr. Alabaster said that the woman, who was over 60 and had been blind for some time, was in the street, it was alleged, he threw vitrol over her and then escaped. Later in the evening the woman saw prisoner with his sweetheart and they bolted in opposite directions.

Evidence was then called.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and prisoner was discharged.

INTERPORT SPORT.

Arrival of the Swimming Team.

The Shanghai interport swimming team, which is to compete in the V. R. C. annual sports at the end of this week, arrived to-day and are all fit and well after a very rough passage. The team is composed of—P. Fowler, captain; R. W. McCabe, E. Prince, C. W. O. Mayne, J. Wilson, D. H. Cooke, G. J. Robinson, W. Jones, T. E. N. Rosser and T. W. R. Wilson.

This afternoon a representative of the China Mail had a hurried chat with Mr. R. W. McCabe, one of the best all-round men Shanghai possesses.

He stated that the trip down was a rather nasty one, the vessel having to lie to anchor for thirty-two hours between Saturday night and Monday somewhere off Foochow. Still, he was glad to say that none of the men suffered and that they were all fit and well. Asked in what events the visiting men were likely to make the best show, Mr. McCabe said it was difficult to state, for the conditions of the water were not ideal, but still they would do their level best. Their polo team was not quite the strongest combination that Shanghai could turn out. "But," said Mr. McCabe, "we play well together, and we hope to make a good show."

THE KING ALFRED'S ACHIEVEMENT.

Under the heading "A Brilliant Shooting Fest," the following paragraph appears in the United Service Gazette:—"The satisfactory progress is still being made in the gunnery position of the Fleet. Although less is heard of the marks made than was the case when high marks were a greater number in the gunnery, it is fully demonstrated by the splendid record recently put up by the gunlayers of the flagship on the China station—the cruiser King Alfred. For three years in succession the King Alfred has occupied a highly respectable place in the gunnery competitions carried out each year between the ships of the Navy; but the score made at Wei-hai-wei on July 21 last was a world's record, and something which the whole Fleet will be proud of. Two rounds with eight hits from a 6.2 in. gun on the China station in 1901. It will thus be seen that since that time the possibility of fire from a 6.2 in. gun with a well-trained crew, has been increased by about 60 per cent, whilst as for itself, and shows what attention must have been paid to gunnery by the officers and men of the Fleet. Admiral Sir Horatio Lambton, Captain Clinton Baker, and their officers and men are to be warmly congratulated on their brilliant performance, which will probably bring their ship at the head of the heavy gunlayers' list for the year 1909."

HOW TO PREVENT BLOOD-POISON.

CARELESSNESS and neglect are the chief causes of blood poisoning. A cut or bruise, however slight, should have immediate attention. A good disinfectant one that not only gives prompt relief from pain, but being antiseptic, heals the wound without maturation, is Chamberlain's Pain Balm. When this remedy is applied, and danger from blood poisoning is avoided, fear of all chemists and druggists.

TOKYO LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Tokyo, September 7.

Baron Takahira, Japanese Ambassador to Washington, returned to Japan on Sept. 2nd, arriving at Yokohama by the Yango Maru. As usual, a number of journalists rushed the steamer as soon as her anchor dropped. They eagerly asked the Ambassador for the latest and most intimate news from America, but he confined himself to purely impersonal topics already known to the public. As to the rumour that an entente is to be concluded between the United States and China, Baron Takahira thought that idea had its origin in an article in the New York Herald, for there was nothing said in diplomatic circles in Washington regarding such an agreement between the two Powers. At any rate the American Government sees no necessity at present to conclude any alliance with China. His Excellency added that American capitalists are now paying closer attention to the China trade and are prepared to assist China with adequate funds for the development of her material resources either in the construction of railways, or in other industries. Still, he was very much of the opinion that the mercantile situation in the United States, which has been practically dormant for a long time, has begun to show marked powers of revival.

More public interest is centring in the Tokyo Electric Railway. It is known that Mr. Ozaki, Mayor of Tokyo, is again endeavouring to revive his old scheme of making the railway municipal property in order to increase the income of the City and to secure permanent funds for the improvement of civic improvements which have been discussed on and off these last ten years. The project was brought forward last year and rejected by the House of Representatives. Now the Mayor has secured the support of the House of Representatives and the project has been permitted. If the money market had been favourable, the charter of the railway company granted by the Central Government requires it to construct 200 miles of permanent line before the end of next year. Only 100 miles have been built up to the present and the company can not possibly have the whole of the required construction work finished within the given period. Consequently, the character must necessarily lapse. It is said, on the other hand, that the railway company intends to increase the fares, and to raise a loan so as to increase its capital with a view to improving the railway and completing the proposed line in accordance with the charter. The shares fetch a high price on the stock market at present, being quoted at yen 73.00 per yen 50 share.

The questions between China and Japan have been the subject of the documents embodying the results of the negotiations. On the 4th instant Count Komura, Minister for Foreign Affairs, was received in audience by the Emperor at the Palace to give an explanation of the proceedings. In the afternoon a large number of journalists and foreign correspondents, including the writer of this letter, called at the Foreign Office and made enquiries as to the nature of the convention which had been signed, but nothing was given out on the ground that the treaty was still under investigation by the Privy Council, over which Prince Ito is presiding. However, subsequently I gathered that the main features of the convention are these: (1) Japan shall recognize the sovereignty of China over Chientsu; (2) the Japanese government will protect Japanese and Korean in Chientsu; (3) the Chinese government will protect Japanese and Korean in Chientsu; (4) China will grant the lease of the Fushan and Yantai coal mines to Japan for a stipulated term; (5) more stations on the South Manchurian Railway will be constructed; (6) railways parallel to the Fushan Railway or the South Manchurian Railway are not to be constructed without the consent of Japan; (7) Japan to extend the railway between the great Yungchow as far as Haingichie to facilitate communication between Shanghai and Manchuria; (8) the questions relating to guards and police on the Antung-Manchurian Railway will be settled here; (9) the question with regard to the Panshoh coal mine to be negotiated hereafter at Mukden; (10) China and Japan jointly to construct a railway between Kirin and Hsinia via Chientsu. In the meantime, the Wangrun, according to a Peking telegram, has circulated urgent instructions among the provincial Governors that negotiations between China and Japan having concluded to the satisfaction of both parties, the people should be at ease.

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Everybody's Secret, by Dion Clayton Calverton.
The Pools of Silence, by H. De Vere Phillips.
The Coming of Anna, by Mr. Philip Chappin Da Crespigny.
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Meetings.
5.15 p.m.—Meeting of Royal Hongkong Yacht Club at the Offices of Messrs Leigh & Orange.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong St. Andrew's Society at City Hall.
Miscellaneous.
4 p.m.—Aquatic Sports of V.R.O.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, September 25.—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Cotton Spinners, Weavers & Dyeing Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.
Noon—Meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.
3.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at Mr. H. Smith's residence, Cantonment Road.
TUESDAY, September 28.—
5.15 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Cricket Club at Club Pavilion.
THURSDAY, September 30.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Leasehold Land at Herbert Dent & Co.'s Office, Shantung, Canton.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Football Club at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.
SATURDAY, October 2.—
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club on the ground floor of Hongkong Club Annex, Chester Road.

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DEFECTIVE LEGISLATION.

It has only taken a little over two years for the general public to discover the defects, which riddle that greatly belauded piece of legislation known as the Workmen's Compensation Act. When it was being debated in the House of Commons in 1906 one or two members expressed the opinion that employees might feign injuries, or might dishonestly prolong their period of recovery, in order to receive compensation; but to indignantly did the Labour members repel the insinuation that the objectors did not press the point. A critic of the law, Mr. A. W. WATKINS, manager of the accident department in a large insurance company, writing in the Empire Review, however, brings forward facts to prove that these fears were not ill-grounded. He does not deny that compensation for workmen in some form or other is necessary, and says that the tax on industry which it imposes must be regarded as a permanent addition to the cost of production. He takes the ground, however, that, in some respects, the measure is a failure, and is working out in a manner never suspected by its framers. A workman having met with an accident is entitled to compensation, and the employer, admitting the injury

is obliged to file a memorandum with the County Court agreeing to pay him a certain sum. So long as the victim does not return to work the payment must go on, unless the employer can prove, before the judge that his pensioner is able to return to work. Usually it is a question of weeks before he can get the case heard, and throughout that period he must keep on paying. Nor is he able to secure any refund from his employee when the investigation is held; because, while the employer might declare that the man was quite recovered on July 1, the Judge who hears the case on Aug. 8th will only pronounce on the injury as it then appears to him. In any event, it is a matter of difficulty and considerable expense for the employer to prove so negative a proposition as a man's ability to go to work. He must have medical witnesses on the spot, and naturally enough, doctors do not want to take the unpopular side. Therefore, Mr. WATKINS says that rather than go into court with their cases, thousands of employers submit to the species of blackmail that the malingering employees impose upon them.

In a lecture recently delivered before the Life Assurance Medical Officers' Association, Sir THOMAS OLIVER discussed some of the effects of the Compensation Act in the mining industry. When men are injured, he says, the greatest difficulty is experienced in getting them back to work, for the Act provides that where the weekly wage is less than 10s a week they receive it in full; and if their age is less than 21 years, they receive 10s, whereas an older man would receive only half his earnings. Apart from the money they are entitled to draw from their employers, most of the miners, old and young, belong to some local accident insurance organization. Many of them, therefore, are able to make more money when laid up through injury than when working regularly. Since the most prevalent injury is a strain to the back it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for medical experts to determine whether the patient is really suffering, or just malingering. "The difficulty is increased," says Sir THOMAS, "when the medical man who has to give the certificate is dependent upon the workmen for his income. Medical practitioners have been boycotted and obliged to leave colliery districts because they have forwarded a report contrary to the wishes of the injured workmen." The number of injured workmen, therefore, has greatly increased since the Act came into operation; and the average period of recuperation has been remarkably increased. There are two or three sources of expense to which thousands of employers are subjected, namely, the costs of settling cases in court, and the costs of settling them out of court. These costs, in the aggregate, would probably amount to hundreds of thousands of pounds a year, not one shilling of which could be proved to do either the workman or his master the slightest good. The money for the most part, find its way into the hands of lawyers; and it has been found that in cities where large industries are carried on, and where accidents would be naturally the most frequent, there has been raised up a fungus growth of what is known in America and Canada as "shyster lawyers." An army of lawyers is employed by them to haunt the neighbourhood of large works and hospitals, in order to obtain the names of injured persons, and manufacture disputes to make commissions for themselves and costs for their employers.

Another unexpected result of the Act is found in the difficulty experienced by the maimed, aged, or physically unfit in obtaining employment. Naturally, workmen who would fall into one of these categories are more likely to be the victims of accident than younger, stronger men. In any event, of course, the latter would have the preference; but before the Act came into force it was possible for labour of this description to obtain employment at proportionate wages. Now, however, the additional risk the employer takes of having to compensate injured workmen, makes him reluctant to employ the

unfit man at any price. In short, the universal law of compensation has risen superior to the man-made law bearing the name, and what the workers gain in the heyday of their vigour they are apt to lose in their advancing years.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Empress Dowager has ordered the installation of electric lights and telephones in the Ching'un Palace.

As the Governor of Shansi has reported the entire suppression of poppy plantations in that province, the Emperor has ordered him to recommend the officials concerned for rewards.

It is the general opinion that the abdication of King George of Greece, under the present circumstances, would be a great disaster and ruinous to Greece. It would, it is held, create disorder, and estrange the sympathy of the Powers.

At the Austrian manoeuvres, two hundred horses, which had been frightened by the searchlights, stampeded. They galloped over a number of sleeping troopers, injuring fifty, and it is reported that twelve have succumbed.

Harmston's Circus is expected to leave Tientsin to-morrow direct for Hongkong, and Colonel Bob Lido informs us that he expects the company will give their opening performance on Saturday, the 2nd October.

The main objects of Commander Scott's Antarctic expedition will be to reach the South Pole and explore King Edward's Land. He will use dogs and ponies and motor sledges. He appeals for funds to complete his equipment, the cost will total forty thousand pounds. The fund is already largely supported.

The Select Committee of the House of Commons on the Daylight Saving Bill reports that, while the voluntary adoption of earlier business hours where feasible would be a great advantage to the community, the provisions of the bill would create confusion, especially in agricultural districts and on the railways.

The formal inauguration of the palatial new premises erected for the Chartered Bank at Bangkok took place on Sept. 7, when there was a large attendance. Mr. W. S. Livingstone, the Agent, received the guests on arrival and in this duty was assisted by the other members of the Bank staff, Mr. Reid, Mr. Warrack, and Mr. Cairnes.

Donato Pietri, the Marthon runner, was married on August 19 at Carpi to his pretty young sweetheart Teresa Dondi. The young couple will go to stay in the villa which Pietri has built with the money he earned in America. Pietri states that his last race in the United States brought him in £2,000. He now intends to abandon the sporting life.

In the House of Commons recently in reply to Mr. R. Hazleton (Nationalist), Mr. J. H. Whitley, a Junior Lord of the Treasury, said that it was estimated that the contribution of Ireland to the revenue of the United Kingdom for the current year would be insufficient to meet the cost of purely Irish services by upwards of £1,000,000.

A Reuter telegram from Sydney says that the High Commissioner, Lord Dudley, has opened the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire which is taking place there. His lordship referred to the struggle between the nations of the world owing to the necessity of acquiring increased outlets for trade. Britain still led even her most vigorous rivals, but the gap was yearly lessening.

The Portuguese cruiser Reina Dona Amalia, which arrived at Singapore on her way out from Lisbon, will relieve the cruiser Vasco da Gama, which will return to Portugal. On board the Reina Dona Amalia is Lieutenant Machado, a son of the Portuguese Commissioner (at present in Hongkong) appointed to settle with the Chinese Government the delimitation of Macao.

A Reuter's message to the North China Daily News says that numerous British and foreign military officers were present at Faversham, Kent, to witness the testing of the so-called rifle-grenade, which can be fired by affixing a simple apparatus to any rifle. Lieutenant-General Sir James Willcocks, K.C.M.G., who commanded the Zakra Khel expedition last year, is impressed with the possibilities of the invention for Indian frontier warfare, and Spain has ordered a large quantity for use in the operations against the Moors at Melilla.

The two battleships of the Dreadnought type voted by the United States House of Representatives in January are about to be laid down at Bethlehem. They will have a displacement of 20,000 tons, a speed of 20 knots, and will cost, with armament, including twelve 12-in guns, £2,000,000 each. These battleships of 20,000 tons are, so far, the largest laid down by any Power. Their armour belt will have a thickness of 11in, and the side above the belt a thickness of 10in. The armour protecting the main gun position is the same as that of the belt, and that for the secondary guns is five inches.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The English Mail of the 21st August was delivered in London on the 20th inst.

The silk shipped on board the M.M. steamer Ernest Simons, which left Hongkong on the 17th August, was delivered in Lyons on the 20th instant.

Commander Peary declares that he obtained statements and drawings of Dr. E. A. Cook from the Eskimos, which show that Dr Cook only made two marches and then returned.

Sir Ralph Moor, a former High Commissioner for Southern Nigeria has committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium. An inquest was held and the verdict was that deceased had taken poison whilst suffering from temporary insanity, following insomnia. The evidence showed that Sir Ralph had suffered from the after-effects of West-African fevers.

As a motive power of men-of-war is a possibility of the future in the opinion of naval experts at Washington. It would mean a material reduction in coal consumption and a greater steaming radius for the ships, and would obviate the necessity of stopping so often to replenish the coal bunkers. Admiral Coney, who commanded the torpedo flotilla on its way from the Atlantic coast to San Francisco and who now is chief of the bureau of steam engineering, is gathering information on the subject, and recently sent Commander William White to visit several large manufacturing plants in the west of America.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Hon. Mr. W. Ross Davies, K.C., Attorney-General, arrived this morning by the German mail from England.

The Gloucestershire Cricket Club has presented Dr. E. M. Grace with £600 in recognition of his thirty-nine years service as secretary.

His Excellency Senhor Marques, the new Governor of Macao, and Mrs Marques, left by the Portuguese gunboat Patria today for Macao.

His Excellency General Broadwood, instead of waiting three days in Manila, left the Siboria and crossed over by the Zailro, arriving in harbour this morning.

Mr Fairbanks, ex-Vice-President of the United States, who is now on a visit to the Philippines, is due to lecture at Agaña before a convention of the Christian Endeavour on November 20.

Mr Crawford D. Kerr, who first came to Hongkong in 1863 for the firm of Findlay and Co., and afterwards settled in Shanghai, has gone home for good. Mr Kerr was the first secretary and treasurer of the Hongkong Volunteers when the corps was started under the regime of Sir Hercules Robinson. During his residence in the Far East Mr Kerr has worked in Hongkong, in North Formosa, in Amoy, Shanghai and Singapore.

The Rev. J. A. A. Baker, Wesleyan Chaplain, who has been recuperating at Kuling, is expected to return by the German mail on Saturday. He has announced his intention of preaching at Wanchai next Sunday morning and the Rev. R. Hutchinson of Yingtai will conduct the evening service. The Rev. R. Ellison, who has been Acting-Chaplain during Mr Baker's absence, will return to his station at Shichow, North River, early in October.

It is formally announced, says the Japan Chronicle, that her Imperial Highness Princess Fushimi is leaving Yokohama for Europe by the Prinz Eitel-Friedrich on the 26th instant. Her Highness will land at Genoa, and proceed overland to London, where she will join her husband, Prince Fushimi Hiroyasu, who is studying naval science in England. Their Highnesses will pay an official visit to the British Royal Family, and will then travel in France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Belgium, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and Russia, returning to London, whence they will proceed to America and make a call at the White House on President Taft. It is expected that their Highnesses will return to Tokyo about July next year after spending some time in travel in North America.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

The native who stole a box of clothing from his master and was arrested on one of the Canton boats was today sentenced to three months' hard labour. For the theft of a blanket the same man was ordered to be imprisoned for 14 days.

A big crowd of gamblers appeared at the Magistrate's today. The leader of a party of women who had been caught playing dominoes was fined \$40, another \$10 and the rest \$5 each, while a fifteen man arrested while playing a game of chance on a junk was fined \$50, two \$25, and the remainder \$5 each.

CHRONIC DIARRHOEA.

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SPAIN'S TROUBLE WITH
THE MOORS.

ADVANCE ON MELILLA BEGUN.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, September 21.
The Spaniards began their advance on Melilla yesterday, being supported by warships.
The enemy were repulsed with severe losses.
The Spanish losses were slight, and the troops advanced and occupied the position.

LATEST AEROPLANE
RECORD.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, September 21.
At Brescia, Italy, M. Rougier accomplished a flight on his aeroplane at a height of 845 feet, which constitutes a record.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR
RECEIVES GERMAN
CHANCELLOR.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, September 21.
The Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria has received Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Chancellor, in audience.

DEATH OF GOVERNOR
JOHNSON.

FORMER CANDIDATE FOR U. S. PRESIDENTY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, September 22.
The death is announced of Mr John A. Johnson, Governor of Minnesota. Deceased was a candidate for the Presidency at the last election.
[Note.—Mails exchanged just to hand indicated the likelihood that deceased would fail to survive an operation which he underwent for abscess in the liver.—En. C.M.]

C. P. R. SERVICE.

LARGER AND FASTER
VESSELS WANTED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, September 22.
Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., speaking at Vancouver, said the Company must have larger and faster vessels for the Pacific in view of the growth of Oriental trade.

AUSTRALIA'S ASPIRA-
TIONS.

A BUTTRESS, NOT A BURDEN,
TO ENGLAND.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, September 22.
The Commonwealth Minister of State for Defence, in moving the second reading of the Defence Bill, said the time had arrived when Australia should be the buttress of Great Britain and not a burden.
Great Britain had no battleship in the Pacific, whereas Japan had fifteen. Great Britain had four armoured cruisers, Japan twelve and America eleven. He believed that when the Australian fleet was in full operation it would be a most potent argument for peace.
The Bill provides for compulsory naval and military training.

On page 8 will be found the V.R.O.'s advertisement regarding their Aquatic Sports to be held to-morrow, Friday and Saturday. Miss Lyon has kindly consented to present the prizes.

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DE COOK IN NEW
YORK.

A GREAT RECEPTION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, September 22.
Dr Cook, the American explorer, who claims to have reached the North Pole, has arrived at New York.
He was accorded a great reception.

GERMAN GOLD MINE
CONCESSIONS.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)
TOKYO, September 22.
The Germans in Shantung have obtained the privilege of exploiting three gold mines.

COMPLETING A
RAILWAY.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)
TOKYO, September 22.
The Peking-Chang-chai railway has been completed and the opening ceremony will take place on Sunday prox.

CHINESE NAVAL
CADETS.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)
TOKYO, September 22.
The Chinese Minister in Tokyo visited the Minister for the Navy and conferred with him regarding the sending of Chinese cadets to be trained in the Japanese Navy.

PRESIDENT TAFT AND
JAPANESE MERCHANTS.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)
TOKYO, September 22.
The Japanese Business Men's party, now touring in America as the guests of the Chambers of Commerce, met President Taft at Minneapolis. They dined together. The President in a speech welcomed them right heartily. They have since gone on to St. Paul.

THE BUTLER WRIGHT CASE.

The s.s. Anhui, which arrived in port to-day brought down amongst its passengers Mr. W. Butler Wright, who has been arrested on charges of embezzlement in connection with the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon railway. The vessel left for Canton later in the afternoon, with Mr. Butler Wright still on board. It is probable, therefore, that the preliminary hearing will commence before the British Consul to-morrow, though the proceedings then may be merely formal.

DANGER TO NAVIGATION.

Captain Warrack of the s.s. Chill, reports having discovered a submerged rock while at anchor in Bullock Harbour near Wanchow. It is estimated that the rock is 5 or 6 feet below water at low tide, and the bearings of the exact position were taken by the Captain and his officers and these have been submitted to the Harbour Office here.

Bullock Harbour is one of the places of refuge from rough weather which coasting vessels take advantage of, and Captain Warrack anchored there owing to a rapidly falling glass which gave every indication of a typhoon to the south. Other reports state that there was a heavy southerly swell yesterday in the China Sea.

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